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A pre-trial hearing for six radicals charged with killing two police officers and a guard in the bungled Brink's armored car heist was delayed today because of the late arrival of defense attorneys.

The hearing, originally scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m., was delayed for several hours because attorneys for the defendants arrived late at the Rockland County Courthouse.

More than 100 police officers, several on horseback, surrounded the courthouse where the most stringent security measures were in effect:

Because of the tight security, many spectators had to wait more than an hour before they were permitted to enter the courtroom of Judge Robert Stolarik.

Outside, about 50 demonstrators, many members of the National Committee to Defend the New Afrikan Freedom Fighters, carried placards in support of the six defendants.

The demonstrators, shouting such slogans as ''Down with the Terrorists -- FBI'' and Down with the Murderers -- CIA, '' marched on the sidewalk in front of the courthouse as more than a dozen mounted police officers stood by.

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